

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 26 with the following paragraph:

Turning Turing now to Figure 4, a flowchart of a process for managing network adapters is depicted in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention. The process illustrated in Figure 4 may be implemented in a device driver, such as device driver 306 in Figure 3.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 4 with the following paragraph:

The process then determines whether a network or adapter problem is detected (step 412). If a problem is not detected, the process returns to step 412. Otherwise, a soft reset of adapter B (step 414) is initiated with the process then returning to step 400 as described above.